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SUBJECT: GROUP B MEETING ON REVISION OF PARIS INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY CONVENTION, MAY 8-12

1. THIS IS TO ADVISE EMBASSY ABOUT A MEETING OF GROUP B
MEMBER STATES OF THE PARIS CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION
OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, WHICH IS BEING HOSTED BY THE SWE-
DISH GOVERNMENT (MAY 8-12). THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
THE SWEDISH PATENT OFFICE, VALHALLAVAGEN 136.

2. BRIEFLY, BACKGROUND OF PROJECT TO REVISE WORLD-WIDE
PARIS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CONVENTION (SECRETARIAT FOR
THIS CONVENTION IS WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZA-
TION, A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY BASED IN GENEVA) IS AS
FOLLOWS: A REPORT ENTITLED "THE ROLE OF THE PATENT SYSTEM
IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES",
WHICH WAS JOINTLY PREPARED BY ECOSOC, UNCTAD AND WIPO AND
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RELEASED IN APRIL 1974, CALLED INTO QUESTION THE EFFEC-
TIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE PARIS CONVENTION AS WELL AS
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LAWS. THE REPORT RESULTED
IN A DECISION BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF WIPO AND THE
PARIS UNION TO REQUEST THE CONVENING OF A GROUP OF
EXPERTS TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION OF THE REVI-
SION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, ADDI-

TIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PURSUANT TO THAT DECISION, THREE MEETINGS OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION FOLLOWED BY THREE MEETINGS OF A PREPARATORY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION HAVE BEEN HELD TO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE POINTS FOR REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, A PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING THE CONVENTION TO FURTHER ACCOMMODATE A TYPE OF PROTECTION FOR INVENTIONS PECULIAR TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (INVENTORS' CERTIFICATES) HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED.

3. LAST MEETING OF PREPARATORY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE (PIC) WAS HELD IN GENEVA IN NOVEMBER 1977. AT THIS MEETING THE HEAD OF THE SWEDISH PATENT OFFICE, GORAN BORGGARD, WAS SELECTED AS SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP B. UNDER HIS CHAIRMANSHIP A MEETING OF GROUP B WAS HELD IN ROME, MARCH 7-10, AT THE INVITATION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. THE MEETING IN STOCKHOLM WILL BE A CONTINUATION OF THE ROME MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PIC IN GENEVA, JUNE 19-30.

4. USDEL TO MARCH MEETING IN ROME WILL CONSIST OF LUTRELLE PARKER, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS; DONALD BANNER, COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE AND PRESENTLY HEAD PATENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. USDEL WILL NOT REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY WITH RESPECT TO THIS MEETING BUT WILL BRIEF EMBASSY IF SO DESIRED. CHRISTOPHER

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